

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

Commissioner Iverson was excused, as he was out of town

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1922, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairman Gardner recommended Commissioner Zachary Renstrom be appointed to serve on the Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: Motion by Chairman Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1922, a Resolution Appointing Commissioner Renstrom to the Washington County Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1923, A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE AMENDMENT OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF HURRICANE**

County Administrator Dean Cox explained that Hurricane City was originally a member of the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (SSD) but requested that they be removed in 2010.

On May 21, 2015 Hurricane City passed a resolution petitioning the County Commission to change the boundaries of the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD to once again include Hurricane City within the boundary. The Hurricane Valley Fire SSD has also voted unanimously to support the City of Hurricane in their Resolution.

County Deputy Attorney Eric Clarke stated that when amending existing SSD boundaries, Utah Code requires an identical process by followed as if establishing a new SSD and are as follows: a resolution is adopted proposing the change; a public hearing is then scheduled and noticed properly to the public; a sixty (60) day waiting period then takes

place to allow citizens the opportunity to express opposition who own property or are a registered voter in the district; if protests received do not meet the required threshold to halt the process, and if the Commission elects to proceed, a resolution is adopted; the new map and boundary description is then forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor for final approval.

Mr. Clarke stated that if the proposed boundary changes pass, Hurricane City has requested the change take effect for the 2015 tax rates.

Mr. Cox clarified that the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD contracted with the City of Hurricane to provide all of its fire suppression activities and emergency medical services (EMS) this year. The District has funded those activities so far this year out of its fund balance. The agreement with Hurricane City was the annexation would take place this tax year, with the District collecting the tax directly to offset all costs of services.

Washington County Clerk Auditor Kim Hafen stated that in general, the citizens in Hurricane will pay more for fire protection this year than they would have had this proposed boundary change not taken effect until 2016.

Mr. Cox clarified that Hurricane currently funds its fire suppression from a municipal budget that includes property and sales tax. Hurricane City lowered its tax levy when it initially was part of the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD. In 2010 when Hurricane City requested that it be withdrawn from the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD, the City subsequently did not increase its tax rate to reflect the cost of fire protection and EMS services.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1923, a Resolution Proposing the Amendment of the Boundary of the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District to Include All Property within the City of Hurricane. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1924, A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE AMENDMENT OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE THE AREA WITHIN THE LEEDS AREA SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND OTHER AREAS IN EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY WHERE PRIVATE PROPERTY IS NOT CURRENTLY WITHIN A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES FIRE SERVICES**

Mr. Cox stated that the Leeds Area Special Service District met with the Commission and explained that it was exploring the feasibility of joining with the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD. Subsequently, a resolution was passed by the Leeds Area Special Service District

Control Board petitioning the County Commission to amend the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District (SSD) boundaries to include all property located within the Leeds Area SSD and thereafter dissolve the Leeds SSD.

Mr. Cox continued by explaining that along with this proposal, there are a few scattered parcels of land in the unincorporated area of Washington County that are not currently served by a Fire SSD. Those parcels will also be included in this proposed resolution, adding them within the boundaries of the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD.

Mr. Clarke stated that if the proposed boundary changes pass, it will take effect for the 2016 tax rates.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1924, a Resolution Proposing the Amendment of the Boundary of the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District to Include the Area within the Leeds Area Special Service District and Other Areas in Eastern Washington County Where Private Property is not Currently within a Special Service District that Provides Fire Services. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.**

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW  
DEPUTY CLERK

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ALAN D. GARDNER  
CHAIRMAN